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SUBJECT: FUNDING OF PROPOSED ENGINEERING UNIT

REF: STATE 140616

1. IN VIEW OF FUNDING CONSTRAINTS OUTLINED IN REFTTEL AND PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN INJECTED INTO US-PANAMANIAN RELATIONSHIP AS RESULT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING GOP DECISION TO REESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CUBA, WE DO NOT THINK IT DESIRABLE TO PUSH FORWARD WITH FUNDING OF PROPOSED ENGINEERING UNIT. CONTINUANCE OF ONGOING MAP PROGRAMS AT THEIR PRESENT LEVEL IS OF MUCH HIGHER PRIORITY. ANY SIGNIFICANT CURTAILMENT OF LATTER WOULD HAVE AN IMMEDIATE AND ADVERSE IMPACT ON NATIONAL GUARD.

2. BECUASE OF UNCERTAINTY OF PROSPECTS FOR FUNDING OF PROPOSED ENGINEERING UNIT, WE HAVE HAD LITTE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WITH NATIONAL GUARD CONCERNING THE UNIT AND OUR FAILURE TO PROVIDE IT NOW WOULD NOT HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT. WE DOUBT NATIONAL GUARD WOULD BE WILLING TO FUND ANY SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF COST OF UNIT,AND MOST CERTAINLY NOT AMOUNT AS GREAT AS \$600,000.

3.GIVEN PRESENT DELICATE POLITICAL SITUATION AND
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DIFFICULT ROAD WE FORESEE IN NEAR FUTURE, WE URGE THAT

MAP PROGRAM BE CONTINUED AT PRESENT LEVEL. ANY NOTICABLE
REDUCTION WOULD ONLY WORSEN SITUATION.
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